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## Program Stresses Global Initiative

By Mike Fuhrman  
Bullet News Editor

Mary Washington College's 1990 Global Observations Program will continue tonight at 7:00 p.m., when two MWC professors speak at a symposium in the Red Room.

Dr. Lewis P. Fickett, Jr. will discuss "India: A Nation of Perpetual Crisis" and Dr. John M. Kramer will lecture on "The Crisis of Communism in Eastern Europe."

This program is only one of several sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and the Mary Washington Global Observations Committee during the month-long program.

Associate Dean for Student Activities Cedric Rucker, who is responsible for planning much of the programming, recently stressed the importance of promoting global awareness.

"I think that there is a tendency to think of ourselves as citizens of the U.S. only," purported Rucker, "but we're citizens of the world and we need to look at what goes on outside of our borders."

To this end, the Global Observations Committee was formed to study possible means of inculcating the global initiative into all realms of the MWC curriculum. The steering committee of this project released the proposed goals and objectives of the program in

early March. These include assisting students and faculty who wish to study abroad, attracting more foreign students and faculty to MWC, and creating a "global" degree requirement.

In addition, establishing an ongoing program of public events with an international emphasis is a top priority of the committee.

Interest in the global initiative is not, however, limited to a few faculty members. Rucker cited the work of students Jeff Woo '92 and Monica Tate '91 as being vital to the planning of the programs.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Hall agreed, stating that the work of the SA and the committee "shows the genuine interest and commitment of everyone involved."

On Wednesday, April 4, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a panel discussion entitled "Central American Response to the Panama Invasion" in the Red Room.

Dr. Cheryl A. Staunton, an MWC professor, will present a "Portrait of Senegal" in a slide show and discussion on April 5, at 4:00 p.m. in Monroe 104.

On Saturday, April 7, there will be a "Caribbean Festival" featuring The Awareness Art Ensemble (AAE), in Ball Circle from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Global environmental concerns

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Photo: Dave Clayton

Members of the MWC baseball team celebrate during a recent win. The Eagles have won nine consecutive games.

## Scheduling Mixup Results in Quiet Hours For Weststock

By Dave Canatsey  
Bullet Production Manager

Weststock '90, Westmoreland Hall's third annual music festival will have to take a one and a half hour quiet break at 2:00, due to an apparent mixup with respect to the campus activities master calendar. Weststock will have to take the break

so as not to disturb the MWC jazz ensemble, both scheduled to play on April 8, in the same vicinity.

The jazz ensemble, organized by music professor David Long, was scheduled back in January to play in Dodd auditorium on April 8, at 2:00 p.m. Weststock '90, however, was originally scheduled to play on April 22, but later opted to move the date

to April 8 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., conflicting with the jazz ensemble's playing time. The conflict should have been avoided since Westmoreland president Brian Donaghy registered Weststock with the campus events master calendar, held by dean of student

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Dr. Meta R. Braymer will serve as director of the recently announced Stafford Campus.

## Braymer Named Director of New Center for Graduate and Continuing Education

Courtesy Public Information

Dr. Meta R. Braymer, an administrator for 11 years in the continuing education program at Virginia Commonwealth University, has been named director of the Center for Graduate and Continuing Education at Mary Washington College.

As part of her responsibilities, Braymer will serve as director at the College's recently announced

145-acre Stafford Campus, which is scheduled to open by 1997.

"The College is extremely pleased that Dr. Braymer has joined us at this exciting time, just as our new Center is getting underway and plans are being made for the Stafford Campus," commented Dr. Philip Hall, vice president for Academic Affairs at MWC.

"This directorship is obviously a key position right now, and it attracted the attention of over 200 applicants. Dr. Braymer's interests

and experience, and her particularly impressive qualifications, made her the clear first choice of the search committee," he said.

Prior to joining the staff of MWC, Braymer served as director of evening, summer, and off-campus studies at VCU. She also served as assistant director of Non-Traditional Studies and as coordinator of the Bachelor of General Studies Program. She joined the VCU staff in 1979.

She has been named recipient of

the national "Professional Continuing Educator Award," which will be presented in April at the annual meeting of the National University Continuing Education Association in New Orleans. Last fall she was named recipient of the association's award for Region III.

Braymer has a B.A. from Maryville College, an M.A. from Ohio State University, and

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# NEWS

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## Fiske: "Colleges Are Not Fulfilling Expectations"

By Mike Fuhrman  
Bullet News Editor

Introduced as "a recognized and highly-respected commentator on the efforts of four and other societies to educate their citizenry," author and editor Edward B. Fiske concluded his Mar. 29 visit to Mary Washington College with a lecture entitled "America's Love-Hate Relationship with Education."

Fiske, education editor of the *New York Times* and author of "Best Buys in College Education," explained the contemporary view of college education as an

investment, and noted that a higher percentage of high-school graduates than ever are now going on to college. But, he also warned that "there is a flip side to the new prosperity of higher education."

"There are some fundamental ways," argued Fiske, "in which higher education is out of sync with public expectations."

Then, Fiske proceeded to three aspects of the education system -- cost, quality, and productivity, which are particularly frustrating to the American public.

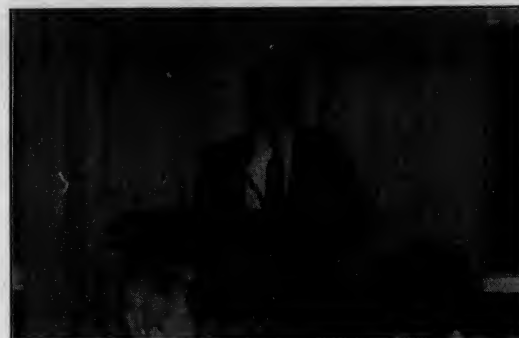
On cost, Fiske called the tuition increases of the 1980s alarming, noting that the average tuition has

increased at twice the rate of the consumer price index.

Fiske also questioned the quality of education in the U.S. Fiske speculated that many Americans falsely identify quality of education with cost of tuition.

Finally, Fiske asserted that Americans do not correctly perceive the role of college faculty members. He noted that professors need to be given a lighter teaching load, concentrate on research, and receive financial rewards for exceptional work.

Fiske implied that recent developments at the state level may be the first step toward remedying



Edward B. Fiske spoke at a luncheon, taught a magazine writing class, and delivered a public address while at MWC on March 29.  
Photo: Katherine Saunders

the ills of the education system in the U.S. Last week, for example, the Kentucky legislature passed legislation which will effectively overhaul that state's role in education.

Earlier in the day Fiske spoke at a

luncheon for student journalists, faculty, and area newswriters. He also taught a magazine writing class in the afternoon.

Fiske is also the author of the

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## MWC Hosts Prospective Black Students

By Andrea Hatch  
Bullet Staff Writer

High school students from as far away as New York attended the second annual Black Student Weekend at MWC on March 23-25.

"It was very successful," concluded Kristina Carnegie, assistant dean of Admissions and Financial Aid and chairperson of the event. "We got a lot of positive comments."

In addition to spending the night in dormitories, the 33 participants

enjoyed a weekend full of activities. They attended an orchestra concert and danced to the sounds of Liquid Pleasure on Friday.

On Saturday, they attended an academic and student services panel and a small club carnival was held to introduce the students to the various organizations on campus.

"They had programs about the school which were very helpful. At the panels, they could ask questions about Mary Washington College," stated Liz Elmquist '93, who hosted a student.

"The highlight, I think, was the

banquet on Saturday night," said Carnegie. Distinguished Visiting History Professor and noted civil rights leader Dr. James Farmer was the keynote speaker at the event.

Other social activities of the weekend included a comedian in the Underground and a movie.

The weekend was organized and paid for by the Admissions Office. MWC students hosted the visitors and accompanied them to the various programs. "The hosts did an outstanding job," stated Carnegie. "They went to all of the activities with them, which was good."

"I was happy that parents participated also. We had quite a few parents come down with students and stay overnight," explained Carnegie. "That was good because a lot of times you don't find parent participation in something like this."

The students who attended had many positive remarks about MWC.

"The girl I hosted is definitely coming here," stated Elmquist. "She liked the whole set up."

This year's program was different from the one last year. This year the program was for students who

have already been accepted to MWC, whereas last year's program was open for anyone who was interested in MWC.

"This year it was more of a select group. It is a totally different program in the sense that these students were more serious," explained Carnegie.

Next year, in the fall, there will be a day-long program called Black Visions for all interested students.

"In the fall, we want to pique their interest, get them on campus, and show them what a pretty campus it is and what classes we offer," said Carnegie.

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# MWC Promotes Homeless Awareness

## Speakers and Events Highlight Programming

By John Applin  
Bulletin Staff Writer

During the week of March 26, Mary Washington College sponsored a campus-wide Homeless Awareness Week.

In an effort to make the campus community more aware of the problem of homelessness, Lynn Eaton, resident director of Randolph Hall, led the Homeless Awareness Week Committee in sponsoring speakers and events throughout the week of Mar. 26-31.

According to Eaton, the original idea was to raise money for area homeless by sponsoring the annual dance marathon. It was decided however, that awareness was also important, and thus would be the theme of this year's annual activity.

"The week will be a success if a student comes up and says that they didn't realize and that in the future they would like to help," claimed Chairwoman Eaton.

The programming was started by Charles Parker, director of "Bread of the City," a food service for homeless people in the Washing-

ton, D.C. area.

In addition to the presentation by Parker in Virginia parlor on Mon-

### Homeless Awareness Week ended on a sobering note as staff and students "Slept Out."

day night, on Friday an information booth on how the campus

community could help out, either here or at home, was set up in the fountain square to distribute materials.

On Saturday, March 31, the programming continued with a water balloon fight in front of Westmoreland Hall. Proceeds from the balloon sales went to help the area homeless.

Homeless Awareness Week ended on a sobering note as staff and students "Slept Out" from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in front of George Washington Hall, for those who wanted the opportunity to make a

statement against the problem of homelessness.

Eaton concluded that the week was a "good experience but there is more to learn."

Though Eaton is leaving MWC after the spring semester, the idea for increased civic participation by the campus community will not. According to Eaton, next year there is going to be a community outreach resource person for initiatives like these. The position will be a part of Student Activities and will be able to aid in future projects like this one.

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will be the focus on Thursday, April 12, in a symposium entitled "Environmentalism vs. Ecotroika" slated for 7:00 p.m. in the Red Room.

Dr. Richard Krickus, an MWC professor, will deliver a lecture entitled "Lithuania: A Case Study in the Failure of the Soviet Nationalities Policy" on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

The programming began on March 26 with a panel discussion concerning women's rights and roles. Dr. Michiko Wilson, from the University of Virginia, Dr. Beth Nelson, from nearby Germanna Community College, and MWC professor Carole Corcoran participated in the discussion.

Dr. Mbulelo Mzamane, from the University of Georgia, discussed the "Current Socio-Political Situations in South Africa" on April

1, and presented "A Glimpse into South African Literature" along with Dr. Bheki Langa of Howard University on April 2.

In addition, an African cultural display will be set up in Meeting Room Four of the Campus Center until Saturday, April 7. The display includes literature and information, as well as information on the Peace Corps, Council on International Educational Exchange, and other options.

## Admissions Office Needs Help With New Student Receptions

**WANTED:** Enthusiastic Mary Washington College students who enjoy traveling and meeting people. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors welcome, no experience necessary!

The Admissions Office, in conjunction with alumni chapters, is sponsoring receptions for accepted students and their parents in April. Transportation and meals, where noted, will be provided for students and faculty who attend the receptions. These receptions provide an opportunity for prospective freshmen to talk with current students and faculty, and make a decision about attending

Mary Washington College. We have coordinated Admissions/Alumni receptions for more than eight years; many students currently enrolled at MWC were invited to a reception during their senior years. While members of the Admissions Club actively support this project, we also welcome the participation of any MWC student who would like to attend.

If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact Jennifer L. Blair, associate dean of Admissions at 899-4681, or stop by the Admission Office in Lee Hall.

## FISKE

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"Fiske Guide to Colleges" and "How to Get into the Right College: Secrets of College Admissions Officers."

Fiske began writing for the *New York Times* in 1964, when he

accepted a position as news clerk. Later he worked as a religion reporter, and he was also the religion editor before switching to education in 1974.

Fiske, 52, graduated *summa cum laude* from Wesleyan University in 1959. He earned master's degrees

in theology from Princeton Theological Seminary and in political science from Columbia University.

The visit was sponsored by the College's department of English, Linguistics, and Speech.

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activities Cedric Rucker. However, professor Long's event, originally scheduled to play on April 12 at Dodd was moved to April 8, but officials at Dodd had failed to notify Rucker. When Donaghy inquired about moving his date to April 8, Rucker had no knowledge of the jazz ensemble's move. "It looked clear to us so we said fine," said Rucker when asked about the mixup.

Donaghy consulted Dean of Students Joanne Beck about the matter. She sought a compromise between the two parties to alleviate the problem. She suggested that the music from the jazz ensemble could be piped out to the adjacent

Westock, but such an arrangement was found to be too expensive since the jazz ensemble is not an amplified show. In the end, Westock agreed to start an hour earlier and end an hour later. Beck has agreed to let the school pay for the extra time used for sound equipment and security. Donaghy has now opted to spend the quiet hour and a half serving food and passing out hula hoops to the masses for their enjoyment.

"I hope they can implement a system that will help alleviate the problems that we [and others] had to suffer as a dorm" said Donaghy, responding to the lack of communication between the operators of Dodd auditorium and the school's master calendar.

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# Wellness Club Event Stresses Moderation

Katherine Ashby  
Bulletin Staff Writer

On Friday, March 30, Mary Washington College students gathered to enjoy a day of wellness sponsored by the Wellness Club. The events were scheduled to be held campuswide, but due to rain, they were held in the Great Hall.

Earlier this year, the club held Wellness Week, but they felt that having all the events in one day would have more impact.

The day's events included cholesterol screening, a body-fat and flexibility test, and a giant piano display resembling the one in the movie "Big." In addition, refreshments, like carrots, cheeses, and breads were provided by a

health food cafe.

Roller Blades, a team of skaters, also performed and appeared to be a hit. Caroline Moy '90 suggested that they should return to campus on Friday nights. Students were also given the chance to try the roller blades.

The main purpose of the event was to promote the idea of wellness, which the club defines as a balance of the social, physical, occupational, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of life.

"Moderation is the key," stated Laura Myers '91, chairperson of the event.

For example, the club is not against drinking, but members suggest that it should be done in moderation.

"Our big thing is educating people on what [wellness] is," added

Myers.

According to Myers, the term wellness tends to scare people away, but now the view is getting better.

Basically, members of the club wanted people to have a good time and to have more of an idea about what wellness entails. As Myers put it, she just wanted "students to have fun with wellness," and that is exactly what people were doing.

Corey Twyman '93 spoke for many students by summing up the event in two words, "It's great!"

In the future, the Wellness Club hopes to become more involved with residents and to sponsor more active events like hiking and skiing. Presently they are working with a group of peer educators with the hope of making the concept of wellness known in all areas of campus.

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a Ph.D. in English from the University of Tennessee.

While at VCU, Braymer also held the position of assistant professor of English from 1979-90. Prior to that time, she taught at the University of Richmond, Ohio State University, and the University of Tennessee. She is also the author of numerous professional articles, and is active as a public speaker.

She has been elected to various

honor societies and listed in "Outstanding Young Women of America" and "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

As part of her responsibilities at MWC, Braymer will help direct the college's Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree program and the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program.

She will also coordinate graduate degree offerings which are received

by satellite from universities throughout the state. These include graduate engineering degree programs from the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Old Dominion University, and the MBA degree program offered at MWC by Virginia Tech.

In addition to her duties with the second campus, Braymer will hold the title of associate vice president for Academic Affairs. She began her duties at MWC in February.

## Mortar Board Recognizes Manning For Commitment

Dr. Carol Manning of the department of English, Linguistics, and Speech has been named Professor of the Semester for the spring of 1990 by the Mortar Board.

Manning was selected on the basis of her teaching ability, her willingness to help and encourage students both in and out of the classroom, her work in such areas as the Writing Intensive Program, and her commitment to excellence.

As a leadership and service organization, Mortar Board strives to recognize excellence found within the campus community. Much of this recognition goes to students who excel, but there is often little recognition of professors. As a result, this year's Mortar Board decided to name Professors of the Semesters.



Dr. Carol Manning has been named Professor of the Semester for the spring of 1990.

Dr. Craig Vasey received this honor in the Fall of 1989.

## Union Bank and Trust Scholarship Established

A \$10,000 endowed scholarship has been established at Mary Washington College by Union Bank and Trust Company, which is based in Bowling Green, Va.

The new scholarship, called the "Union Bank and Trust Scholarship," will be awarded each year to a Mary Washington College student from the bank's service area, which includes

Bowling Green, Fredericksburg, and the counties of Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Hanover.

According to Walton Mahon, president of the bank, the scholarship will carry a value of \$500 per year and will be awarded on the basis of student need. The College's Office of Financial Aid will administer the scholarship.

## Police Beat

Jim Bartlett

**Mar. 20** Two non-students were cited for being drunk in public outside Marshall Hall at 12:50 a.m.

**Mar. 22** A student playing frisbee on the corner of Sunken Road and William Street ran into a brick wall and scraped his chin. He was taken to the emergency room.

**Mar. 23** When Fredericksburg police found themselves in a high-speed chase with a suspected drag racer, they called on the Campus Police to intercept the violator. College units apprehended the suspect vehicle and issued a summons for reckless driving. Local authorities filed numerous charges as well. Moral To The Story: You can't outrun a radio.

**Mar. 24** Campus Police discovered an individual shouting obscenities into a window at Virginia Hall and issued a summons for being drunk in public.

**Mar. 25** Furniture in Russell Hall was vandalized by an unknown person at approximately 4:20 a.m. The standard \$200 bounty is being offered for information leading to the individual(s) involved.

**Mar. 26** A watch and class ring were stolen from an unlocked locker in Goolrick. A \$200 bounty has been posted. Students, please secure your belongings.

**Mar. 28** A member of the staff fell and injured a knee in the Student Center. The individual was transported to the hospital.

**Mar. 30** The individual previously cited for the obscenity incident outside of Virginia saw fit to venture again onto campus grounds and was cited for trespassing outside of Willard.

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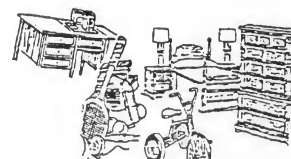
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## Editorial

Do you ever wonder...Why Cedric wears bow ties? Why we need Colgate pump? Why the *Bullet's* called the *Bullet*?

That last question was asked of me by *New York Times* Education Editor Edward Fiske. So I thought and I thought, and rather than appear stupid by not saying anything, I said, "I don't know." I could have said, "Because it always comes out speedy with stories that hit the mark."...Nah. How about, "We cover a broad scope of on target stories aimed at the college community." Not that one either? Or, "Someone in the historic preservation department named it after a rusty Civil War relic found on campus."...Nope. The only intelligent response I could offer was that it's always been called that. It is sort of an understood thing. Nobody offers any information, nobody asks for any. I think it's really because *The Lead Slug* wouldn't fit.

Although a newspaper name change is not in order for next year, MWC students should be aware of several moderate-to-drastic changes that could occur to the student publications.

The *Battlefield* will not spell anyone's name incorrectly because everyone who complained about the 1990 *Battlefield* will decide to join the staff. Co-editors Dana Blevins and Eric Cunningham will resign as editors because the most production they could get out of their staff was ten "Tetris" games per hour. Jeff Wogan will then be named editor...nah.

Striving for greater campus awareness, and sexual equality, the *Polemic* will include birth control pills as well as condoms so as not to appear sexist. Staff members will be spelled out, not abbreviated, and not all students will casually discard their copies in the mailroom trash.

The *Bullet* will seek a realistic newspaper look (no, this is true!). We will scrap the old five-column format and expand to six col-

umns, and normal newspaper length.

The stagnant blue flag will be in disfavor of a more subtle blue dateline. Seeking only to please the students, and to get a few letters to the editor, we will possibly be implementing a wire service which would allow us to cover important local, national, and international events.

The sports section will be filled with news about the latest trades, as well as box scores telling how many Jordan, or Sigler, scored, and how many hits Kirby got.

Cartoons and crosswords will be regular features in the "Events-turned-Entertainment" section, to provide pleasure-filled toilet reading. Personals will once again dominate the back page.

We will also return to a weekly format. This biweekly stuff sucks.

With these changes in mind, and our continuous whining, the College has offered to pay reporters \$25 a story, while photographers will receive \$10 a shot. Recognizing the editors' thankless task of providing the College with a quality student newspaper, the administration has willingly offered healthy four figure salaries to all *Bullet* editors.

Okay, so that last part wasn't true. But the changes to the *Bullet* are.

There will be several editorial openings for next year to help us implement these changes. As always, we are interested in anyone who wishes to write or take pictures.

The changes we wish to make, however, will not work unless we receive increased student involvement. (Did I sound like Rich Cooper there? Forgive me!) Seriously though, we are consciously trying to provide the College with an improved, realistic newspaper.

If we can't get money to do it, can we at least get some help?

## Mike Fuhrman News Editor

## Don't Get Carried Away with This Nerdy Admissions Stuff

... stick ball in front of Willard, the unveiling of pasty white, bikini-clad bodies in Ball Circle, and roasted pork at the unconscious thing.

Ahhh! The sights and sounds of spring at beautiful Mary Washington College in historic Fredericksburg are enough to attract even the most sought after high school students in America.

Forget about the rich academic tradition, distinguished faculty, coveted Honor Code, and championship athletics. This place rocks! If anybody tells you different, they lie.

Though not surprising, the number of freshman applicants has nearly doubled in the last five years, from 2,671 in 1985 to just under 5,000 for the Fall of 1990.

During the same time span, the academic credentials of incoming freshmen have improved substantially. For example, over 40 percent of the 1989 freshmen class were ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes. This statistic compares favorably to previous classes, such as the 1988 freshman class which boasted only 35 percent of these achievers.

Thus as we enter the 1990s, it is quite obvious that MWC's Admissions Office is in a position to be extremely selective in choosing the make-up of the student body. This, of course, means higher class rankings, SAT scores, and GPAs. With this, I have no beef. I mean that's what we're really here for, right?

But, it is also important to note, and herein lies my point, some students (and we know who we are) are underachievers in the classroom.

However, the students to which I refer also have something to add to the College community. And I'm not just talking about letting in a few Cro-Magnon jocks in order to secure a few wins (5 or 6) for the powerful men's basketball team. And, likewise, I don't advocate accepting a hundred or so animalistic fraternity pigs every year just to continue the school's already bumpin' social scene.

Conversely, accepting the "average" student-athlete, the concert pianist, the ballet dancer, and even the budding journalist enhances the quality of life at MWC. And I don't think too many administrators would disagree. It's pretty obvious.

Anyway, assembling a more diverse student body will not only contribute to the College experience as a whole, but it will also allow a percentage of students whose talents lie not within the realm of academic endeavors to receive a quality liberal arts education (and will give those who would rather spend their afternoons playing campus golf an excuse).

So what I'm sayin' is, "Don't get carried away with this nerdy admissions stuff!"

Rich Cooper

To say that the past four years have not been a blur for me would be the understatement of my collegiate career. About this time of year (in case you haven't noticed), seniors start to become sentimental about leaving college and facing the real world. The responsibilities of the real world (higher tax brackets, repaying student loans, unemployment, marriage, finding a place you can afford to live) are all realities that are beginning to hit seniors like a cold shower on a Saturday morning. It is exciting to have new challenges and opportunities waiting at the gates after graduation, but I leave behind the most exciting four years of my life. Before I leave here, though, I would like to leave you with these thoughts.

Whenever I led a tour group or a 50/50 mentor group, I tried to stress one point in particular: College is what you make it! It is probably the only opportunity you get to explore new areas in academics, and more importantly, in life. You alone can cast your own mold and be a person completely different than the one you were when you entered. The opportunities are endless but unfortunately I am seeing more and more students let them slide by. Mary Washington offers so much more than other institutions for student involvement. If we truly want to be, we can be a force of change and create a campus of cultural diversity and harmony, but until the student body takes advantage of these opportunities Mary Washington will be cheated of her greatest days.

The Class of 1990 leaves here have been witness to the greatest changes in the College's history. Several of these changes have been greeted with enthusiasm; others with great distaste.

My hope for the College is that we will not continue to become bogged down by countless rules and policies, but rather remember we are an institution of people who need to enter into dialogue with one another as equals. Politics can be very productive for an institution, but they can also alienate a body of people from one another. It is time to put people before policies and create the unified institution Mary Washington was when I entered here. We are losing touch with that principle.

Every senior has a story of personal triumph to tell when they leave here, but there is no greater triumph than leaving here knowing that the friends we have made are friends for life. Administrators, professors, and college personnel have all touched our lives and helped us to succeed, but it is that group of people we have "hung out" with that has made the past four years memorable. They have been there through the best and worst of times and made college the life-enriching experience it should be. This is what binds a class together. Each diploma is linked to the people who helped you get there, and that is a chain that cannot be broken.

Thank you, Mary Washington, for giving the Class of 1990 four fantastic years.

## Viewpoints...

Cullen Seltzer

I used to think that following sports and following politics were pretty much the same thing. In both, there are winners and losers, upsets and sure things, colorful characters, and interesting stories. In both there are players celebrating victory and vowing to try again next year. In both there is the spectacle of watching people perform when they know they are being watched, criticized, applauded, and booed. In both there are heroes and goats.

But the more I watch politics and politicians, the more I like baseball. In baseball, you can pretty much tell whose side a player is on by the color of his uniform. In politics, team names are just labels people wear to get money to advertise upcoming games. In baseball, there are clear-cut winners and losers. One team will win the pennant, a lot of other teams won't. In politics there are an infinite number of pennants, depending upon what you're playing for.

But it isn't just the complexity of political games that separates them from sports. Baseball is pretty complicated stuff if you watch it closely. Ten variables are in play at any given moment, the misdirection of any of which could spell disaster. No, the greatest difference of all is the stakes.

Statistically, the Cubs are likely to win a World Series. That is to say, that years of poor management, minimal talent, and simple bad luck aren't permanent conditions. If the Cubs don't get it in '90 (rest assured, they won't), then they'll have another shot at it in '91.

On the other hand, if funds for homeless shelters are diverted in '90 to make B-2 bombers, they may be re-diverted in '91,

but the consequences of the delay are real. Some people are going to starve to death, some will freeze, some kids will go hungry at night.

In that respect, I'm almost ashamed to think of politics as a game. I remember reading about political dissidents in eastern Europe, and thinking that it was a really great thing that in '89, they finally won the pennant. But then I began to think that when they weren't winning, they spent a lot of time losing. In their world, losing didn't mean just returning to the clubhouse to rethink strategy (although at times, it did.) In their world, it meant being arrested, or beaten. For some it meant dying; for some of those, it meant dying in pain.

George Will writes wonderfully eloquent columns that have the common theme of "sports-as-life." It is too bad that politics and real life are not nearly as clear as sports. In politics the rules are more complicated, unfairly enforced, and made by the most recent winner. There is a mean ethos to politics that precludes sentimental affection for losers. Coming back next year to win again won't erase the implications of this year's defeat.

In the eyes of some the 1989 Orioles made up for their abysmal season of 1988 by coming back in grand fashion. In politics the damage done by last year's loss can't be made up. It is done, and all that is left to do is damage control. Last year's loss makes next year's win that much harder, that much more important. Too bad we can't all play games in the summers.

By Jeff Poole

## Your Voice...

Photos: Pam Richardson

What problems do you have with course availability and selection?



"I think it's utterly ridiculous that some studio art courses are only offered once every other year." Mindy Culver '91



"Make classes bigger, hire more professors. Don't be such tightwads."

Tony Porco '90



"I haven't had any, because I'm a math major, and everything I've ever needed has been open."

Erika Hodges '92



"You want them to open up the classes, but at the same time, but I like the school because of the small classes."

Tom Zadra '93



"I've always been pretty lucky I guess. All the ones I've needed I've always gotten."

Nikki Chiappinelli '90



## I'm Mad...

Dave Saunders

I learned more after one week in Key West, Florida, than I have in almost four years of college.

Among other things, I learned:

1. When in Paradise, do as the Paradisi-ans do.
2. Never argue with a Rastafarian cabbie.
3. Always, I mean *always* be sure you have permission to use someone else's car.
4. The food at the Fredericksburg Jail sucks.

I also learned that when it comes to having fun on Spring Break, MWC students out rank all others. But when it comes to the rest of the year, we know nothing. When we are stuck in Fredericksburg, whining about the alcohol policy or visitation, we know even less about fun.

Somewhere between here and Cuba, I found myself on a crowded beach, clutching a banana daiquiri. I was talking to a bevy of beautiful, barely-dressed, bikini-contest winners. I was asking the standard questions. (ie. Where do you go to school? What's your major? Are you married?)

I told them I worked for the *Miami Herald*. Let's face it, it sounds a helluva lot better than, "I work for the *Bullet*."

It worked. I soon found myself on a date with the Doublemint Twins, Mindy and Cindy.

Over dinner at the Kokomo, we discussed our respective schools. (I confessed that the *Miami Herald* thing was a desperate ploy.)

They attended UCF (University of Central Florida).

The conversation went something like this:

Mindy: "What is visitation?"

Dave: "Um, ah...when you sign in to a dorm, you have to tell the desk aide what room you're going to and they take your I.D. until you sign out."

Mindy: "Oh my God! You have to 'sign in' to see your friends?"

Dave: "Yup."

Cindy: "Is this place, like, ultra-religious?"

Dave: "Uh, no, it's a state school."

Mindy: "Do you have fraternities? sororities?"

Dave: "Well, we had a fraternity that tried to start up last year. And a sorority."

Mindy: "One fraternity and one sorority?"

Dave: "Yup."

Mindy: "Oh my God! Cindy, did you hear that?"

Cindy: "I heard it, but I don't believe it."

Dave: "It's not as bad as it sounds," I said, trying not to sound like a complete geek.

Cindy: "Yeah, right!"

Mindy: "Visitation...what a riot!"

When I came back after Spring Break, I did a little research. MWC stands alone with respect to its visitation policy. No other Virginia state school (UVA, VCU, Va. Tech, Radford, GMU, JMU, ODU) has a visitation restriction like ours. Only one school in Virginia has one that's worse—Jerry Falwell's Liberty University.

As long as I'm a college student (if you can call this place a college), I'll never forget those words that Cindy said to me in a land far, far away, "Oh, my God! You have to sign in to see your friends?"

## Letters to the Editor

### Chi Chi's, Sammy T's, BACCHUS Promote Responsible Drinking

To the Editor:

MWC BACCHUS, Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students, is starting something new for both college students and residents of the community. In collaboration with two restaurants, Sammy T's and Chi Chi's, we've set up a designated driver program for weekend parties who go out and like to drink while having a good time.

Now, when a party of two or more enters these establishments, the designated driver of the party is given a complimentary, non-alcoholic beverage in a cup which the driver can keep—compliments of MWC BACCHUS, Sammy T's,

and Chi Chi's.

MWC BACCHUS is not an "anti-drinking club." It's a club about responsible social life, where people can have fun and good times, but also be safe.

"Letting loose" can be great fun, and everyone does it once in a while. Just remember to be careful, and be cool!

Take advantage of our designated driver program. It's there for you. BACCHUS meetings are in Chandler 108, usually around 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Pleasantry to come.

Sincerely,  
Ben Kramer,  
BACCHUS President

### Bashore Responds to Hyland's Accusations

To the Editor:

After I picked myself up off the ground after being run over and blind-sided by Margaret Hyland's letter, I decided to write a reply and set the record straight on several of Margaret's assertions.

Margaret mentioned the fact that I never went to a SALDS (Society for the Advancement of Learning Disabled Students) meeting. Furthermore, she claims that I didn't help them with their goal of pushing a measure through the Faculty which would bring Mary Washington up to speed with the rest of the Commonwealth with regards to helping students with learning disabilities.

Margaret was half right. I didn't help directly, but Michelle Ballou did. Michelle is the academic affairs chairperson for the Student Association. Michelle is the only student who is allowed to speak at faculty meetings and voice student concerns. Michelle did exactly this when the SALDS' motion came before the faculty and she kept me, and the rest of the Executive Cabinet, informed of what was happening in this matter. Michelle handled the matter by talking to Ellen McCrary and relating SALDS concerns to the faculty at their meeting. The motion passed and everyone was happy. I thought that by going through the proper channels this matter would be best served, and it was.

Another issue is that of the Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance. Margaret accuses me of ignoring this

group, even though they don't exist. My question is, "How can I ignore a group that doesn't exist?"

Margaret points out that I said I would attend meetings of groups on campus that showed the desire to improve the situations of women, minority racial groups, and homosexuals. Margaret is right, I did say these things, and I did what I said I would. I went to BSA and ASA meetings. I brought Dr. Napoleon Peoples on campus to give workshops on racism and racial issues. I attended state-wide conferences on these subjects and I have tried to apply what I have learned to this campus. But even though I said I would go to BSA and ASA meetings, and even though I went to these meetings, Margaret is saying I didn't go to enough of them. Well, Ms. Hyland, I am sorry that I didn't meet your criteria, I can't be everywhere at once.

As to the charge that I didn't go to the NOW and PSU meetings, I stand accused. Margaret makes a good point that newly-elected officers should attend meetings of as many organizations as possible. But if they don't attend the meetings, don't wait until the elected officer has only four weeks left in office to confront them about effective representation. If an S.A. officer, or any officer, is not meeting your needs, tell them about it. If you don't tell them, they might think they are doing the right thing.

Sincerely,  
Scott Bashore,  
S.A. President

## Eco-Update

Matt Ammon

To all of those who gripe about the present state of the environment, here are several chances to help, and to get involved.

Apr. 7--Fredericksburg Cleanup

Meet at Hukamp Park (corner of Prince Edward and William Street) at 11:00 a.m. OR meet at the fountain at 11:30. The Ecology Club has adopted the canal path to clean up. Refreshments will be provided.

Apr. 21--New York Citizens perform in the Underground. Price of admission is four aluminum cans.

Apr. 20--EARTHFEST on campus walk. Many campus and community groups plan to participate in MWC's celebration of Earth Day.

Apr. 21--Rappahannock River Clean Up

9 a.m.-lunchtime. Look for information and a sign-up sheet in the Student Center.

Other Earth Week Events

Apr. 21--Rick Hill performs in the Eagle's Nest.

Earth Week: 4/16-Energy Day, 4/17-Recycling Day, 4/18-Water Day, 4/19-Alternative Transportation Day, 4/20-Toxic Awareness Day, 4/21-Open Space/Recreation Day, 4/22-EARTH DAY

Hopefully, Earth Day 1990 will be as instrumental in raising awareness about the many threats imposed on the environment as the first Earth Day in 1970. With your help, Earth Day 1990 as well as Earth Week, will ring in a new decade of environmental consciousness.

# FEATURES

THE MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE BULLET

## CCC Members Spend Spring Break in Texas

By Nicole Brown and  
Debbie Schluter  
*Special to the Bullet*

"Texas or Bust!" could have been the theme of eight Mary Washington College students who embarked on a spring break of a different nature: a College Student Work Retreat at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, Texas.

The eight student representatives of the Campus Christian Community at MWC drove two-and-a-half days (about 3,200 miles round trip) to join 30 Texas college students at this first work/study retreat.

These students spent four days together, building a horse corral and learning how to apply "frontier theology" to their personal lives.

The Texas gang shouted a friendly "Howdy, y'all!" to greet Lisa Bevell '92, Lars Bowling '90, Nicole Brown '93, Tracee Butler '91, Pam Criser '92, Jennifer McManus '91, Debbie Schluter '91, and Stan Smith '92 upon their arrival at the ranch. Mo-Ranch, a Presbyterian-owned retreat and conference center, lies peacefully in the "hill country" where the Guadalupe River winds through the country-

side.

The work project involved clearing an area of brush, cacti, and rocks, and building a horse corral for use by a children's summer camp. The "cactus cutting crew" gained painful first-hand knowledge about getting prickly pear cactus spines under the skin. But, it wasn't all work. There was also time for canoeing, hiking and volleyball.

"The Cross," an outdoor chapel located on top of a hill with a beautiful view overlooking the ranch, was a favorite place for walks, talks, and reflecting. Reverend Mike Miller, organizer of the retreat, took the MWC group "south of the border" to the Mexican border town Piedras Negras to see the Texas A & M campus ministry's mission work. Some of the evenings were spent discussing faith and the frontiers of life such as the stress of "life after college" and relationships.

MWC students discovered that they shared common experiences, ideas, and concerns with Texas



Photo: Courtesy of Debbie Schluter

Members of the Mary Washington College Campus Christian Community pose with the organizer of the Mo-Ranch in Texas.

students, even though their college lives were thousands of miles away.

The "Texas people," who were mostly proud Aggies from the Texas A & M campus ministries, taught the "Virginia people" about their cowboy boots, Blueball ice cream, two-stepping, and the

infamous diamond-backed poisonous vampire armadillo. The armadillo was also amusingly referred to as the "Texas state speed bump."

Despite the "drive from hell," the MWC group enjoyed the Texas-style spring break, the rewarding work, the new friendships, and the

road trip adventures. They're still talking to each other even after a total of 70 hours cooped up in two cars together. Just don't ask them about the Officer Graves incident (beware of Texas state troopers driving sports cars).

## MWC Professor Lewis Fickett Travels to India

By Kimberly Quillen  
*Bullet Staff Writer*

Dr. Lewis P. Fickett, Jr. distinguished professor of political science at Mary Washington College (MWC), recently returned from a Smithsonian-funded research trip to study the state and general elections held in India.

Fickett, a nationally-known specialist on Indian socialist politics, was one of ten American scholars selected to work with the study. Other members of the research team included political scientists from Columbia University, University of Washington, University of Virginia, and other prestigious institutions.

Indian state elections tend to emphasize the "bread-and-butter issues" such as transportation and irrigation, while national elections deal with broader topics including foreign policy and the economy as a whole.

The purpose of the research trip was to examine the results of the

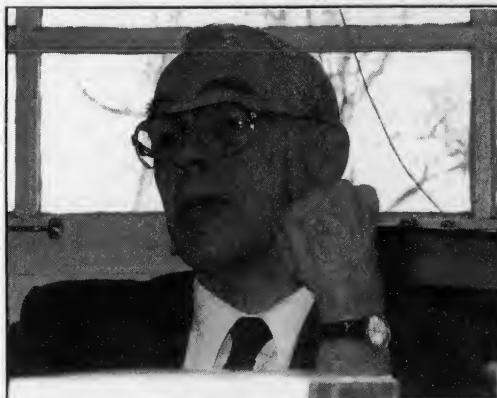


Photo: Mark Rashleigh

Professor Lewis Fickett, expert in Indian politics and political science instructor at Mary Washington College, recently returned from a trip to India.

elections, and "to decide which way the Indian political system is going over a period of years," explained Fickett.

One significant finding noted by all ten of the American scholars, said Fickett, is that the team "agreed that India had moved

away from the one-party system."

While an older Congress Party had been in power for 40 years and still exists in India, two new parties have emerged. The Bharatiya Janata is a right-wing fundamentalist Hindu party while the Janata Dal (Peoples' Party), is center-left and

leads the new Indian coalition government.

Janata Dal has a minority government, and is supported by the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Communist Party. Fickett had expressed concern with this "very potentially unstable government," primarily because the dominant party did not have a majority government on its own. If the supporting parties do not agree with Janata Dal on main issues, the government could collapse. After being able to observe it firsthand, however, "it now looks like the present government will last much longer than I thought," said Fickett.

The results of the state elections will mean change for India. According to Fickett, "I think there will be new emphasis on cleaner government, less corrupt government."

The corruption of the Congress party had been a major campaign issue. Economic changes may also be predicted, says Fickett, who believes "there will be an attempt to force down inflation that hurts the poor of India."

While in India, Fickett interviewed

political leaders of the Janata Dal and found their response to the recent elections to be overwhelmingly positive. Indian leaders and citizens alike viewed the situation as a new opportunity for honest government and expressed more hope for the future. Furthermore, according to Fickett, while state elections usually reflect only local matters, "these [state elections] enforced the national trends of the new party doing well." This may be viewed as a sign of increasing stability.

Various members of the team of American scholars focused on different aspects of the elections and spent varying amounts of time in India. Fickett, who, because of his MWC schedule, arrived after the elections had taken place, had the advantage of seeing the election in perspective and noting the reinforcement of the national elections by the state elections.

In early April, Fickett will present a paper on Janata Dal at the national meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Chicago. Later, the results obtained by the ten researchers will be published.



# MWC Student Travels World Aboard S.S. Universe

By Kate Bailey  
Bulletin Staff Writer

"The whole trip was the best experience of my life," said junior Amy Goulstone of her participation in the "Semester at Sea" program last semester.

Goulstone was one of approximately 500 students from all over the country to depart from Canada in September of last year to travel to Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Egypt, the Soviet Union, Turkey, Yugoslavia, and Morocco. The program lasted through December, and was headquartered at the University of Pittsburgh: Institute for Shipboard Education.

Goulstone, a geography major at

"I feel as though last semester really helped me grow as a person. It helped me to become a stronger, more independent individual"

Amy Goulstone '91

Mary Washington College and a native of Pennsylvania, first learned about the "Semester at Sea" program in 1987 when her sister was a participant.

"I wanted to experience many cultures and races in an effort to enhance my knowledge of geography," said Goulstone.

The students travelled on the S.S. Universe; a "floating university" equipped with classrooms, dining room, living quarters, a basketball court, a bar, and other recreational facilities. Classes were held from Sunday through Saturday while the ship was at sea, and the students were free to travel when the ship docked at port; usually for four to six days at a time.

Although the students were provided with a variety of classes, everyone was required to take Comparative International Studies; a course which prepared them with the background history and economic status of each port. Also required in the program were Faculty Directed Practica, usually in the form of field trips with each professor to incorporate the students' travel with their studies in the classroom.

Goulstone feels that she "learned more in [her] one semester at sea

than she learned in four semesters at MWC" because she had the chance to visually reinforce everything she learned while on board.

Spending approximately half the semester traveling on land gave Goulstone an excellent opportunity to sightsee and experience other cultures. After being exposed to everything from the wealthy economy in Japan to the extreme poverty in India, she formed new opinions about the world around her.

"I learned that just because other cultures are different does not mean that they are bad or less meaningful," Goulstone said. "The United States is not necessarily always number one."

News of current events around the world was wired to the ship to keep the students informed and they could be reached by fax machine, telegram, or telephone. The students were also provided with many activities while on board, including talent shows, special dinners, and spin-off TV game shows like "Sea Feud."

The professor-student ratio was close to that at MWC, with class size consisting of about 30 to 40 students. Because the students lived close to and dined with their professors, Goulstone said the relationships between students and professors were closer and more personal than at MWC.

Goulstone saw and experienced so much on her voyage that she found it difficult to choose one experience that stood out the most. However, riding a horse across the desert in Egypt ranked among her favorites.

She loved having the chance to see the world and to begin to under-

stand the countries that many Americans never see. At the same time, she met new people and made new friends.

"I feel as though last semester really helped me to grow as a person," said Goulstone. "It helped me to become a stronger, more independent individual."

Although she had to take a semester off from MWC to participate in the program, all of her credits transferred and Goulstone recommends the program to all students and faculty interested, regardless of their majors.

"The world was my campus," said Goulstone, "and I wish I had had more time [to experience it]."

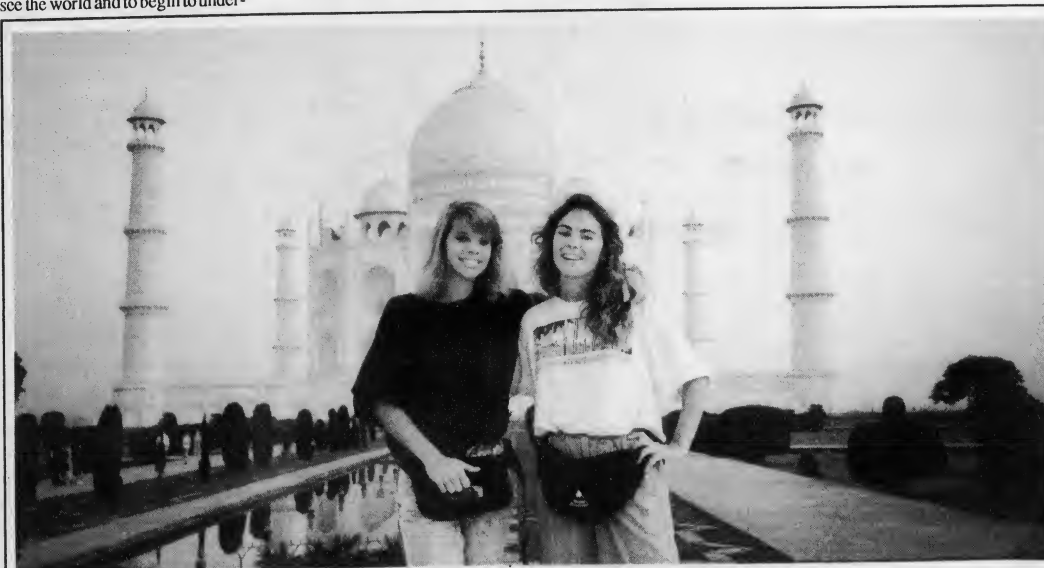


Photos: Courtesy of Amy Goulstone

Amy Goulstone poses in front of the Kinkakuji Temple at the Golden Pavilion.



Goulstone dines with her Japanese instructor.



Goulstone and her friend in front of the Taj Mahal.

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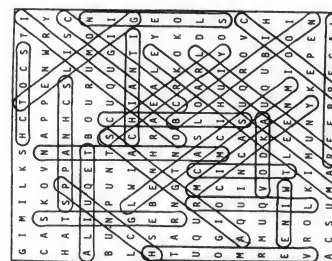
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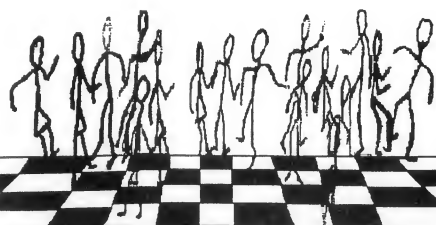
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## WHAT'S UP AT THE *Eagle's Nest*

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Easter Luncheon  
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11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Thursday, April 12, 1990

#### MENU

Baked Virginia Ham w/  
Raisin Sauce  
Polynesian Chicken  
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Wild Rice  
Parsleyed Boiled Potatoes  
Green Peas & Mushrooms  
Buttered Corn Cobettes  
Rolls and Butter  
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Assorted Pies  
Iced Tea  
Coffee

Price \$4.25 (includes tax)  
Due to limited seating,  
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appreciated.  
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#### LUNCHEON SPECIALS

Apr. 3	Tue.	Ham Barbeque on Kaiser Roll, Slaw, Fries	2.30
Apr. 4	Wed.	Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread	2.25
Apr. 5	Thur.	Chicken Filet on Sub Roll, Fries, Sm. Drink	2.40
Apr. 6	Fri.	Fried Seafood Platter, Slaw, Fries, Roll	2.75
Apr. 9	Mon.	Personal Pizza, unlimited toppings	2.25
Apr. 10	Tue.	Roast Beef on Kaiser Roll w/lettuce, tomato, fries	2.30
Apr. 11	Wed.	Turkey Club, Chips	2.35
Apr. 12	Thur.	Easter Special	
Apr. 13	Fri.	Baked Fish Filet, Slaw, Roll	2.30

#### EVENING SPECIALS

Apr. 3	Tue.	Ham Barbeque, Fries, Small Drink	2.30
Apr. 4	Wed.	NACHO NITE, unlimited toppings	2.45
Apr. 5	Thur.	Chicken Filet on Sub Roll, Fries, Sm. Drink	2.40
Apr. 6	Fri.	Fried Fish Platter, Slaw, Fries, Roll	2.75
Apr. 7	Sat.	Steak/Cheese Sub w/ grilled onions, peppers, fries	2.30
Apr. 8	Sun.	Buy two slices of pizza, get a medium drink free	
Apr. 9	Mon.	Personal Pizzas, unlimited toppings	2.25
Apr. 10	Tue.	Roast Beef on Kaiser Roll w/ lettuce, tomato, fries	2.30
Apr. 11	Wed.	NACHO NITE, unlimited toppings	2.45
Apr. 12	Thur.	Turkey Club, chips	2.35
Apr. 13	Fri.	Tuna Salad on choice of bread, fries	1.70
Apr. 14	Sat.	Grilled Ham and Cheese, Onion rings	2.20
Apr. 15	Sun.	Free Jumbo 32 oz. drink w/ 16" pizza order (in house only)	

# SPORTS

THE MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE BULLET

## Drew Gallagher

Bullet Sports Editor

With regard to the recent passing of April Fool's Day, here are a few things that probably won't happen. Then again maybe they will...

-Ex-baseball player Steve Garvey plans a trip to Mary Washington campus upon hearing that the Health Center sells twelve condoms for a buck.

-Banjo hitter Mike Fuhman collects his first career extra base hit in softball when the shortstop, second baseman, centerfielder, and short centerfielder all collide, diving for a dying quail just over second base.

-Syracuse basketball stand-out Billy Owens transfers to MWC for the historic preservation major.

-Due to the recent major-league umpire walkout, vocal Chip Walker is groomed as a temporary stand-in.

-Pitcher Jeff Ballard of the Orioles wins 18 games again; unfortunately they span the rest of his four-year career.

-Redskins fans finally realize that Mark Rypien would

be a backup on any other NFL team, and even a few college teams.

-Coach John Thompson of Georgetown wakes up screaming one night when he realizes that he can't spell Xavier.

-Vice-president Dan Quayle refuses to throw out the opening pitch at a Sunday afternoon Atlanta Braves' baseball game because it would mean he'd have to miss American Gladiators. -MWC police justify their new firearms by citing the fact that they are the same model that Darryl Strawberry used to threaten his wife.

-Basketball player Billy Sigler said he won't turn pro unless MWC wins the national championship.

-The *Bullet* staff and all other MWC publications stage a walkout in protest of not getting paid for their time and exhaustive efforts. However, the school information pamphlet to prospective students still insists that they have a flourishing school newspaper.

## Baseball Extends Streak to Nine



Photo: Dave Clayton

Sophomore Mark Meberg receives throw in 8-5 victory over fifth-ranked Methodist.

The men's baseball team extended its winning streak to nine games with a 17-5 victory on March 30th over visiting St. Mary's.

The Eagles broke open a 2-1 game with a 14-run fifth inning. Sophomores Ray Stapleton, Rob Meneff, Joe Kruper, and Marty McConagha all had two hits in the inning.

Stapleton had three RBIs for the game and Kruper had three hits.

Freshman Mark Bouck (2-0) pitched six innings for the victory. He allowed two runs on six hits.

Entering the game against St. Mary's, the Eagles were led by junior first baseman Dan Beverly, who leads the team in batting at .477 and RBIs with 11.

Freshman pitcher Jason Pierson leads the team with three victories. Junior Mike O'Donnell has two

victories, including the win out of the bullpen against fifth-ranked Methodist on March 27th.

The team was ranked 21st in Division III by *Collegiate Baseball* and is expected to move up in the new rankings today after their 8-5 victory over Methodist.

Games against Brown and Randolph-Macon on March 31st and April 1st were rained out.

## Softball Program Excelling in Third Year

By Drew Gallagher  
Bullet Sports Editor

Three years seem to be the charm for Coach Dee Conway.

After two years of struggling, both the women's volleyball team and now the women's softball team have taken off in their third year under Coach Conway.

The volleyball team finished their season with a record of 26-11, their best season ever.

Now it is the softball team's turn, and they are off to a somewhat surprising, best-ever, 8-5 start. Impressive for a team and a program this young.

Before the season started, Coach Conway was reserved about any predictions for the team, but she admits that she is happy with their progress: "I'm real pleased with where we are at this point in the season."

Much of the success can be attrib-

uted to the outstanding pitching performances of sophomore Kim Glover and freshman Sherrie Johnson. Co-captain Glover is 3-4 with a 3.52 ERA and Johnson, a lefthander, is 5-1 with a 3.17 ERA. The two have a combined ERA of 3.38.

Coach Conway said that the two

"I'm real pleased with where we are at this point in the season."

pitchers complement one another in the rotation since Glover, who usually precedes Johnson in doubleheaders, throws harder and the batters must adjust to Johnson's pitches, which have more natural movement coming from the left side.

The offense has picked up since the beginning of the season, and is

led by junior rightfielder Lisa George, who is hitting .400. First-year sophomore third baseman Cary Bender leads the team with 15 RBIs and is hitting .375, and junior co-captain Sheri Whited leads the team with 20 runs scored and is hitting .344.

Bender's offense highlighted a doubleheader sweep against Longwood College on March 28th, as she hit two doubles and a homerun to spark the Eagles.

The only thing that Coach Conway feels the team needs to improve on is its defense: "We need to have a little more consistency."

This weekend, MWC will host the MWC Softball Invitational Tournament at the Battlefield, which will feature seven teams as well as MWC.

Coach Conway sees no one team as a clear-cut favorite, and expects a very competitive tournament.



Photo: Dave Clayton

Sophomore Kim Glover delivers pitch against Longwood College.



## MWC Track Teams Set School Marks at Battleground

The Mary Washington men's and women's track teams broke four school records at the Battleground relays this past weekend.

Freshman Tammy Buhite set two school records, in the long jump and triple jump. Her jump of 17'6" in the long jump was good enough for a first-place finish and her unofficial mark of 36'6" placed second.

Sophomore Matt Boyd set the

school record in the men's 10,000 with a time of 32:14. He placed second in the event.

The women's relay team of freshman Yolunda Hilliard, sophomore Rebecca Ellison, junior Leigh Anne Winston, and Buhite set a record in the 4x100 relay with a time of 51.00.

Senior Sean Carpenter finished first in the 400 hurdles.

## Women's Tennis Hands Radford 7-2 Defeat

The women's tennis team defeated visiting Division I Radford University 7-2 on Sunday to improve their overall record to 8-5.

All of the team's losses have come from Division I opponents by scores of 5-4. They are 2-2 this spring.

The team is led by number one seed, junior Christy Copper, who is 12-9.

Sophomore Deanna Moore, the number three seed, is currently 13-6.

At the number five seed, senior Cami Johnson is 12-4.

In doubles, the number two team of Moore and sophomore Susan Myers is 13-4.

Against Radford, Copper, Moore, Johnson, and the number two doubles team all earned victories.

The team travels to Georgetown today before the Regional Tournament at Sewance, Tenn. on April 6-8.



Photo: Dave Clayton

Phil Karasik and Matt Bolen prepare for the Virginia Intercollegiate Tennis Association Championship.

## Men's Tennis Finishes Third

The men's tennis team placed third at the Virginia Intercollegiate Tennis Association Championships at Newport News this past weekend.

Nine schools competed in the tournament, with Lynchburg College placing first.

In singles, at the number six seed, freshman Matt Strickler lost in three sets in the finals. Strickler's record is now 5-1 in dual matches and 7-2 overall. At the number three seed, junior Declan Leonard lost in the

finals.

Mary Washington's three doubles teams received tough draws as they all lost in the semifinals to Lynchburg.

The number one doubles team of sophomore Phil Karasik and freshman Matt Bolen lost 6-3, 6-4. The

number two team of junior Ray Parrish and Strickler and number three team of Leonard and freshman Chip Goodman both lost in three sets.

MWC (3-3) continues its season tomorrow at home against Eastern Mennonite.



Eagles attack Old Dominion goal in preseason scrimmage.

Photo: Dave Clayton

## Men's Lacrosse Wins First Against Wesleyan

The men's lacrosse team picked up their first victory of the season on March 21 as they downed visiting Virginia Wesleyan, 20-3.

Sophomore Todd Tarring, who leads the team in points with 16, seven goals, and nine assists, set a

school record against Virginia Wesleyan with seven assists. Tarring also scored three goals.

Also in the game against Virginia Wesleyan, freshman Rick Downer, junior George Asiello, and junior Mike Bradley each scored four

goals. Asiello is tied for second on the team in scoring with 12 points, 10 goals and two assists. Sophomore Marc Rolfe also has 12 points.

The team's record is now 1-7 after weekend losses to Radford 23-7, and Pfeiffer 10-6.

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## Women's Lacrosse off to 2-1 Start



Junior Liz Wheeler steals the ball from a Bridgewater opponent in the Eagles' 4-2 victory.

Photo: Dave Clayton

The defense of the women's lacrosse team proved to be the difference on March 26 as they defeated visiting Bridgewater College 4-2. The victory improved the women's record to 2-1.

Junior Liz Wheeler, junior Diane DeFalco, and sophomore

Karen Richardson led the defensive effort and freshman goalie Ashley Young made 10 saves.

Sophomore Vanessa Williamson scored two goals and junior Gina DelSordo and freshman Blair Bones each had a goal.

Del Sordo leads the team in

scoring with eight goals and Williamson is second with six.

The women's games against Randolph-Macon and Lynchburg were postponed due to inclement weather. The women play at home on April 6 against Western Maryland College.

## Are the O's the Worst?

The baseball season is upon us, and for some of baseball's finest, it's going to be another year poised and ready to spring into the cellar.

But this year there could be a change or two. Perhaps this is the year that Atlanta vacates its summer home and maybe we'll see another dramatic u-turn from the boys of Baltimore. Here it is anyway, the predictions for worst of the year...

NL EAST: Probably the easiest prediction of the four divisions. Though Montreal will do everything in its power to earn that last spot (With Zane Smith as your third starter how can you go wrong?), this one has to go to Philly. Ken Howell might dream about 12 wins one of these days, but he's not going to touch that plateau again in a season. After Howell and Olympian Pat Combs, there's nothing but wasteland and Bruce Ruffin: one and the same. It's always been difficult to win without pitching.

NL WEST: Nope, can't pick the Braves. They're too good! With the addition of Nick Esasky and Jim Presley to the lineup, they'll be keeping Chief Nohahomabusy. This division goes to Houston.

With Rafael Ramirez at short, need I say more? Okay, Gerald Young and his .213 stick in the outfield.

AL EAST: I'd love to pick the Birds because last year was a fluke, but with the Yankees and Detroit on your schedule, you have to be labelled a contender. If Pascual Perez finds Yankee stadium and his visa by April 9th, he's the opening day pitcher. Unfortunately for the Yanks, Pascual had a drug habit before his multi-million dollar contract, but I'm sure he's cleaned himself up and hasn't even considered backsliding in drug-free NY.

AL WEST: Here we find Pascual's brother Melido taking the hill for the White Sox. Well, at least they'll share the same last-place experiences at future family reunions. The Twins should receive some note here. After losing Jeff Reardon to free agency and Frank Viola to the Mets, this pitching staff is decimated. The Twins are having a special this year for their fans: Every day that Alan Andersen doesn't pitch, it's a free fireworks display courtesy of Dave West and company.

Drew Gallagher

## Intramural Softball Standings

### WOMEN'S

	Division II	
Randolph	2-0 Harassment	3-0
Dome Dunkers	2-0 Bushnell Boys	2-1
Slippery Eels	1-1 Laid Back	2-1
Nutheads	1-1 Leon's Peons	1-2
Seacobeck Sluggers	0-2 Bashers	1-2
Midgets	0-2 Fried Iguanas	0-3

### MEN'S

	Division III	
Division I	JDT	2-0
Untouchables	3-0 Bill's Bunch	1-1
Willard Rats	2-1 Mason Bashers	1-1
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# EVENTS

## "Agnes Of God" To Open

Courtesy Public Information

On Apr. 5, Mary Washington College's dramatic arts department will present the play "Agnes of God" in Klein Theatre.

First run on Broadway in 1982, "Agnes of God" is a psychological mystery thriller that explores the possibility of divine miracles in this modern age. The screenplay, written by John Pielmeier, is based on a true story.

The plot revolves around Agnes,

a 21-year-old nun who has recently given birth. She is accused of strangling the newborn infant and disposing of its remains. Agnes says she can remember neither having the baby nor murdering it, and she offers no clue as to its paternity.

Her mother superior wonders if the young nun may have conceived the baby by some supernatural miracle. A court-appointed psychiatrist, Dr. Martha Livingston, tries to get to the bottom of the mystery. Courtney Moates '92 will play the

title role of Agnes, Deanna Totten '91 will play the mother superior, and Kirsten Pedersen '90 will play Dr. Livingston.

A *Washington Post* reviewer wrote that the play "appeals to the sleuth in us first, and then, once we're hooked, quietly slips in the big puzzlers."

Performances will be at 8:00 p.m., Apr. 5-7 and 12-14. Matinee performances on Apr. 8 and 15 will begin at 2:15 p.m. Students admitted free with ID; general admission is \$5. Call 899-4330 for tickets.

## Hawaiian-Born Poet Garrett Hongo to Present Readings at MWC

Courtesy Public Information

Garrett Hongo will read at Mary Washington College on Tues. Apr. 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the Campus Center's Red Lounge. A reception will immediately follow the reading.

Born near Volcano, Hawaii and educated at Pomona College and the University of California at Irvine, Garrett Hongo has published two highly-praised books of poetry: "Yellow Light" in 1982 and "The River Of Heaven," which won

the Lamont Poetry Selection for 1987.

Maxine Hong Kingston commented on *Yellow Light*: "His is a sure eye, a sure voice--as rhythmic and strong as an Hawaiian chant. To read his poems is to know one's own ordinary secret world worthy of song: songs of grief and songs of praise." Poet William Matthews praised "The River of Heaven" for its "amplitude of feeling and sympathy."

Hongo's poems have appeared in many journals, including *Field*, *Antaeus*, *The American Poetry Re-*

*view*, and *The Nation*.

He has been awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to travel and live in Japan, the Hopwood Prize for Poetry, an N.E.A. Creative Writing Fellowship, and the *Discovery/The Nation* award.

Currently, Mr. Hongo teaches at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where he also coordinates their graduate writing program.

Following the reading, books will be available courtesy of the campus bookstore. The free event is sponsored by the Poetry/Fiction Readers Series.

## Witty, Intelligent Characters Invite "House Party" Fun

By Joseph M. Romero  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Having seen "Krush Groove," or, for that matter, anything starring Elvis, I was apprehensive about seeing the Hudlin Brothers film "House Party," starring rap luminaries Kid 'n Play.

"House Party" could have been just a bunch of talented people turned miserable actors performing pitifully improvised dialogue; a means only to an end of featuring the stars in a musical exhibition.

Instead, it's an intelligent, witty, character comedy of the suburban hip-hop teen subculture. It's also the winner of the 1990 Film Makers Trophy at the Sundance Film Festival.

The plot focuses on the relationships of Kid (Christopher Reid), who incidentally has a serious high-top fade working for him. Reid is fresh and very believable as the son of the late Robin Harris ("Do the

Right Thing"), who grounds his son for the night for fighting in school with thugs (Full Force).

Unfortunately, Reid wants to go to a house party--a party in a house, that is, to be with some young ladies he likes.

Of course, he sneaks out. Of course, we accompany him through

and co-producer Reginald Hudlin manages to include scenes about alcohol abuse and sexual responsibility without being didactic.

He also satirizes the condescension to and misconception of blacks by whites via the characters of a high school principal and two police officers. (Sound familiar?) The officers stop Reid, and later, Harris in their suburban black neighborhood for being suspicious-looking. The officers are distortions of reality, as their dialogue illustrates: "Oh my God! We're out of doughnuts!" Directed to Kid and Full Force who are on their knees at gunpoint, one officer says, "Repeat after me! I am . . . (significant pause that only Martin Luther King, Jr. could carry off) somebody."

Hudlin balances the seemingly monochromatic image of the law by showing the officers arresting Full Force for attempted arson. The

## Movie Review

a series of adventures (i.e. avoiding his father and Full Force, crashing an elegant lawn party deejayed by George Clinton, getting thrown in prison, and dancing, that Kid 'n Play helped choreograph).

But we aren't bothered by the simplicity of it all because the characters are charming and sincere. The Hudlin Brothers insure that Kid matures by learning to make certain decisions. Writer, director,

see "PARTY," page 15

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## Women's History Month Art Exhibit



Photo: Rob Kassabian

An acrylic portrait by Wilhelmina Long.



Photo: Rob Kassabian

"Bear Clan Brotherhood," made of stone, by Retha Walden.



## The Beat

Jim Collins

Robert Plant's new album, *Manic Nirvana*, is a grungy, hard-rock, solo release. Two years after *Now and Zen*, his best solo album, Plant returns with yet another superb, Zep-influenced album that moves forward while saluting the past.

While *Now and Zen* alluded to Zeppelin's softer side, *Manic Nirvana* kicks in guitars and drums full volume. Eight of the new album's eleven songs are very loud and irresistibly catchy as they recall days of old.

*Manic Nirvana* is an album for the '90s, however. The classic '70s sound of Led Zeppelin can never be duplicated, but who better than Plant to remind us of music past while also updating it with some very contemporary sounds.

The first three tracks are drum-blasting shuffles filled with sexual references and classic Plant singing. Songs like "Big Love" and "S S S & Q," which boasts the lines, "I'll kiss the flower in your hair/I'll kiss your flower everywhere," give that distinct Plant touch to songs dealing with sex.

Two of the albums most ambitious tracks, "She Said" and "Nirvana," are funky, danceable tunes combining crashing drums with U2's Edge-style guitar, provided by guitarist Doug Boyle.

Plant salutes Woodstock with "Tie Dye on the Highway," and injects some humor in "Your Ma Said You Cried In Your Sleep Last Night," when Plant sings "Black Dog" at the end of the song accompanied by scratched record sound effects.

*Manic Nirvana*'s slow numbers include the operatic "I Cried" and the beautifully sad "Anniversary (of Love's Decay)."

On the acoustic Led Zep III-style "Liar's Dance," Plant sings about contemporary man's greed and avarice. "Trees cry/Men bow" is one example of Plant's interesting lyrical style.

The album concludes with "Watching You," using Moroccan-style rhythm and abstract images, and creates a dance-hall '90s-style "Kashmir."

Plant's band from *Now and Zen* returns on *Manic Nirvana*. The result of playing together on the road gives Plant's latest effort a live yet controlled sound.

*Manic Nirvana* is another great achievement by an artist who has come to terms with his past while creating some of the most modern sounding rock today.

Sinead O'Connor's second album, *I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got*, is a powerful, musically diverse album that supersedes her 1988 debut.

On her new album, O'Connor reflects on success and its consequences. Musically the songs range from quasi-classical compositions to guitar-driven rock.

The album opens with the classical sounding "Feel So Different" which sets the album's mood as O'Connor sings, "The time I'd never seen/all you had spread before me/The whole time I'd never seen/that all I'd needed was inside me."

"I am Stretched on Your Grave" is a stunning fusion of rap and Irish folk, with mystifying lyrics: "The priests and the friars/approach me in dread/because I still love you/my love and you're dead."

O'Connor takes a maternal outlook on the world in "Three Babies," and muses on the changes in her life: "How could I possibly know what I want/when I was only 21?"

On the political "Black Boys on Mopeds," O'Connor blasts contemporary England, and proclaims her decision to take her son away from it. She justifies her action with the naive statement: "And I love my boy and that's why I'm leaving/I don't want him to be aware there's/any such thing as grieving."

Her tender yet powerful cover of Prince's "Nothing Compares 2 U" is bound to be O'Connor's breakthrough hit single.

"You Cause as Much Sorrow" begins softly but gains power in the chorus as O'Connor sings, "You cause as much dead/as you did when you were alive."

The overlong *a cappella* title track is the album's only disappointment.

O'Connor's vocal style ranges from a fierce growl to a tender whisper. Her voice is especially stunning on "Three Babies."

*I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got* is a powerful album by a young woman looking at the changes that result from success. Sinead O'Connor is assured a strong future as one of the top female artists of the '90s.

## Pulitzer-Prize Winning Poet to Read at MWC



Photo: Courtesy Public Information  
Poet Maxine Kumin.

Courtesy Public Information

On Thurs. Apr. 5, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Maxine Kumin will give a poetry reading in Lee Hall Ballroom at 8:00 p.m.

Kumin has authored nine books of poetry including "Up Country,"

which won the Pulitzer Prize in poetry, and "Nurture." Her works have been acclaimed by *The New York Times Book Review* for containing poems that become "increasingly unforgettable, indispensable....Thoreau would commend her honesty, the precision of her language and her occasional moral allegory."

She is the poet laureate of the state of New Hampshire, and has taught at several universities, including Princeton, Brandeis, Columbia, and Massachusetts Institute Of Technology.

For her achievements in poetry, Kumin has received among her many honors the Levinson Prize from *Poetry Magazine*, the American Academy & Institute of Arts & Letters Award, a Bunting Institute Fellowship, and a fellowship from the American Academy of American Poets.

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police's presence and reaction has merit, but their abuse and heavy-handed personal interpretation of the law makes the civil services and bureaucracy of a nation (still unsympathetic to the racial tensions within) appear intimidating; and yet destined to be crushed beneath the weight of a new generation of (hopefully) enlightened, beneficent people. But, I digress. . .

The film does feature a somewhat offensive rap by Kid about gang rape in prison and an overall treatment of women as sex objects (as young men are often wont to do).

But the style and mood of the film is imbued with such a cool blend of profane colloquialism and high school innocence that one can't help but care about the characters. I assure anyone who sees the film

that he/she will have a really good time.

By the way, whether you dig the movie or not, I highly recommend the soundtrack, which features Kid 'n Play, Full Force, L.L. Cool J., Lisa Lisa and the Cult Jam, Arts 'N Craft, Parliament, and many others who merit your patronage. Also, remember to stay through the credits. Peace.

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